

At Home.

Chief of Police McWilliams, of Jersey City, was admitted to bail yesterday in the sum of \$29,000.

The Acting Secretary of the Treasury has directed the Assistant Treasurer at New York to purchase one million of bonds on each Wednesday, and to sell one million of gold each Thursday during the month of November.

It is reported that Mr. Justice All pre-  
dicted Justice Chase from all  
business. Unless he improves he  
will take a trip to the Pacific coast.

The Treasury Department has issued a circular to the Collectors at the principal ports instructing them to carefully observe existing regulations which prevent importation of neat cattle hides from a country where the hoof and mouth disease is prevalent. The Department received information that this disease had again broken out in the Argentine Republic.

The horse disease is extending Westward, but is abating in New York. Its influence on business in the city, however, has been disastrous, and the loss in consequence is to be measured by hundreds of thousands. The crisis in the disease seems to have arrived, however, and in the next few days it will probably commence to abate.

The steamship Missouri sailed from New York to Havana on Oct. 17, and has now been reported missing. An arrival from New States states that she was found at sea, and that all the crew and twelve white persons are known to be saved. Seventy-nine lives are believed to have been lost; among them the Captain and all but five of the crew.

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## THE HAPPY HOUR.

BY MRS. M. E. BUTTS.

The happy hour—  
The happy hour is done;  
Have faded with the sun:  
And, in the liquid twilight,  
I am happy still.  
With my happy little baby  
Asleep upon my breast.

White lids, with silken fringes,  
Close, as if they might sleep,  
A half-mile, close to death;  
Hold mamma's finger tight;  
And in their soft, white wrappings,  
At last in perfect rest,

Two dainty feet are nestled.  
Like birds in a nest.

111.

All hopes and toils are over;  
Depart at the sweet hour;  
All pain and trouble are gone;  
Leave home no more;  
For Christ, who, in the Virgin  
Our motherhood has blessed,  
Is near to every woman  
With love on her breast.

—Appleton's Journal.

HOW TWENTY PRECIOUS YEARS  
WERE WASTED.

They had come, a little group of friendly faces to watch me off, with waving handkerchiefs and kindly good-byes; and I stood on the stern nodding and waving back, till the schooner Crown Point, which was driven into port at Stonington, on Sunday night, by stress of weather, had two men prostrated by the disease, which had broken out during her voyage. The vessel was at once ordered to quarantine in the lower harbor.

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## SCIENTIFIC.

The British Society for the Advancement of Art offers five thousand dollars reward for a pigment or covering that will perfectly protect iron from rust or foxing.

In this and the like difficulties of uniting iron to brass is created by the unequal rate of expansion in the two metals, which destroys the unity when the temperature is changed. To meet this difficulty, an alloy has been invented, by an English artisan, the expansion of which, by heat, is claimed to be so similar to that of iron and steel, that the metal may be welded when joined, as perfectly as metal to metal, for all practical purposes. It consists of three parts tin, thirty-nine and a half parts copper, seven and a half parts zinc.

The construction of bronzes has lately been much improved by the addition of a small amount of phosphorus. A special cause of the inferiority in bronze consists in the contraction of expansion of iron in the state of an oxide, which acts mechanically by separating the molecules of the composition, thus interposing a substance which in itself has no tenacity. Now, the addition of phosphorus is found to reduce this oxide, and renders the bronze more perfect—improving its color, its tenacity, and all its physical properties. Thus treated, the grain of the bronze, when fractured, resembles more that of steel, its elasticity is much augmented, and its resistance to pressure sometimes more than double.

## USE OF COAL.

The Chronological History of coal says that Obadiah Gore, and his brother, blacksmiths from Connecticut, were the first to make use of the anthracite coal in the Wyoming (Pennsylvania) Valley in 1765. Judge Jess Fell, of Wilkesbarre, was the first to apply it to household uses. Philip Ginter, a planter in the Mauch Chunk region, discovered the coal in 1791. Mining began with his bargain, went to the Dutch capital and had the lease extended fourteen years, receiving the royal patent there.

New York was to become the gold centre of the world under the American management of the coal of Aruba. A quartz mill was erected at New York, and the coal was shipped to the capitalists of England. In them they are said to have been successful, but the gold centre was necessarily removed from New York to Swansen, Wales. So we shall lose the great glory and large part of the wealth of Aruba Island.

Labor on the island of Aruba is fixed at 30 cents per day, and it is claimed that the cost of labor is less than one-half of that of England. The wages of miners, it is said, are to be kept in well-closed bottles. This will be an excellent varnish, giving a beautiful and durable lustre, and is perfectly secure against the action of moisture and the air. To cause oil colors to dry rapidly, equal parts of this varnish and of the color are to be rubbed up with oil, and spirits of turpentine added until the whole forms a homogeneous liquid mass. Objets coated with this mixture will dry completely in ten or fifteen minutes, according to the season or state of the atmosphere.

## VIVID COLOR.

Silver Springs, Florida, is one of the greatest curiosities in the South. It bursts forth in the midst of the most fertile country in the State. It bubbles up in a basin near one hundred feet deep and about an acre in extent, and from it a deep stream flows, carrying off all the water of the basin, and falling into the Ocklawaha River. The water is so clear that it is said to be at another—quite a distance.

The spring thus forms a natural inland port to which the steamers now run regularly from St. John's, making close connections with the ocean steamer at Palatka. The clearness of the water is truly wonderful. It seems even more transparent than air; you see the bottom of the lake below the surface. The water is in exact form of a basin, with the sides close to the edge of his bed, with his head resting in a frame, which had been made to give him ease, and to protect his broken jaw from pressure. He was trying to keep awake, having been sojourned upon by a sick man's fancy—it was that if he slept he would wake up with the lockjaw. He was brought to full consciousness by the scuffle with the passage-way, followed by the entrance of a number of men, who had come upon him in the dark. The fire had gone out, and there was a white mist like a cloud creeping up the stream and settling upon the faces of the sleepers. On the far right a single pistol awoke and resonated. Shelly, who seemed like a night bird, lifted his maimed arm from his blanket and spoke in an undertone to Tom. "Who has the post at the mouth of pass?" "Joe Mace," Then something is stirring. Mace was fired at a shadow in his life." The two men listened. One a grim gherkin himself, with the physique of a Cossack and the bearing of a Comanche. The other having in his hands the lives of all the silent and sleeping, lying still and grotesque as they may have been. The fire had gone out, and there was a white mist like a cloud creeping up the stream and settling upon the faces of the sleepers. On the far right a single pistol awoke and resonated. Shelly, who seemed like a night bird, lifted his maimed arm from his blanket and spoke in an undertone to Tom. "Who has the post at the mouth of pass?" "Joe Mace," Then something is stirring. Mace was fired at a shadow in his life."

The assassin's face then appeared, and the helpless statesman only thought: "What a handsome man!" Then came a sensation as of rain striking him sharply upon one side of his head, and nearly took him down upon the other side. "I feel the sash's knife. The blood is hot, and the knife is sharp." The assassin's knife.

How to Suture. Figure 1. Let it at color, if it is white, with a slightly yellowish or straw-colored tint, it is a good sign. If it is very white, with a bluish cast, or with black specks in it, the flour is not good. 2. Examine its adhesiveness—wet and knead a little of it between the fingers; if it works dry and elastic, it is good; if it works soft and sticky, it is poor. Flour made from wheat is likely to be sticky. 3. Throw a lump of flour against a dry, smooth, perpendicular surface; if it adheres to a lump, the flour has life in it; if it falls like powder, it is bad. 4. Squeeze some of the flour in your hand; if it retains the shape given by the pressure, that too is a good sign. Flour that will stand all these tests is safe to buy.—[Exchanges.

## SPREADING MANNER AT ONCE.

Hearth and Home objects to the very common practice of dumping manure in heaps on the farm, leaving it to spread at leisure afterwards, and details a single case of injury to wheat and oats from lodging, rust, &c., on the spots where the heap had been made.

It is said that 120,000 stoves were destroyed by the Chicago fire, which has materially reduced the stock for this year's business.

The United States Watch Company employs 500 hands in their works at Marion, N. J. A watch is completed every two and a half minutes.

BURKE & CO., of Knoxville, Tenn., are putting up a blast furnace of 15 feet high. It is said that good iron can be had at that point for \$2 per ton.

One of the pioneer tobacco raisers in Santa Clara county, Cal., had the 20 acres of rich bottom land devoted to "Havana" and "Confection Seed Leaf," the latter yielding 2,000 pounds per acre. He is his own manufacturer, employs eight hands and turns out "smoking" and cigars.

The wealth of Navarro county has doubled since the completion of the Central Railroad to that part of the State.

## Gold Island.

"HE IS GONE."

IS THERE ONE IN THE LAMENTED.  
The birds are silent in the air,  
A shadow on the eastern sky.  
The breezes wailed to the west,  
Are hushed with a sigh.

The birds are silent in the trees;  
With grief each wild flower droops its head;  
The birds are silent in the air,  
For Nature whispers, "It is dead."

I sat upon the sea girl's sand:  
A shell is cast within my reach;  
Unto my heart I place it's hue,  
And listen to its speech.

From within the heart of earth,  
A voice within me did resound—  
A blending of soul and tears—  
Say safely, "It is gone."

Dear Mother Earth, within thy brest,  
Press tenderly this wretched form:  
The sun is bright, the sky is am'ning,  
Blow, winter, winter's well.

Affection, from thy deepest well,  
Renew, with waters sweet and pure,  
The freshness of my memory,  
That they may long endure.

## USEFUL INFORMATION.

Prunes can be peeled rapidly by dipping them for an instant in strong hot lye, and afterward in cold water.

As paint and whitening make a singular and efficacious compound for cleaning plated glass windows or mirrors.

The column had reached to within two days' journey of Lampasas. Some parts of the mountain ran down to the road, and some clusters of palm trees grouped themselves at intervals by the wayside. The palm is a pensive tree, having a voice in the wind that is sadder than the piping of a sobbing violin.

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All salted provisions should be watched and seen that they are kept under the brine, for if one piece of meat lies up, it will spoil the whole barrel. If the brine looks bloody, it must be scalded and more salt added when packed.

The properties of the hair, the durability of its color, its elasticity, chian, and strength, depend solely upon its sanitary condition, and there is nothing that so effectively promotes the health of the fibers and of the integuments from which they spring, as correct hygienic habits.

For removing greasy spots from any fabric, use ammonia pure, then lay white blotting paper over the spot and iron lightly. In washing, set about twelve drops in a pint of hot soda. Put in your silver ware and wash, using an old nail-brush or tooth-brush for the base.

Tar vinegars on some parts of the thine are arranged in terraces, one above the other; the banks all along on the sides of the hills being upheld by arches of masonry. It is well known that generally the best wine is made from grapes grown on the steepest and stoniest hillsides.

To impart a flavor to the flesh of fowls, such as constitutes the game flavor of the wild state, the Boston American Demarest recommends expunging pepper, nutmeg, mace, or ginger, to be added in the common food of fowls. As to cleanliness of fowls, it recommends great care in summer. Carbolic acid dissolved in water should be sprinkled over the workroom of the insides, and a little added to the whitewash, which should be used each season. The writer's estimate of the cost of this mixture will be satisfactory enough to all reasonable persons.

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The use of coal is an agent for causing the rapid drying of Spanish and oil colors has become extensive, and one method of its application consists in taking one hundred parts of water, twelve parts of shellac, and four parts of borax, and melting them at a gentle heat in a copper vessel, with continued stirring. The vessel is then to be covered, and the liquid allowed to cool; after which it is to be kept in well-closed bottles. This will be an excellent varnish, giving a beautiful and durable lustre, and is perfectly secure against the action of moisture and the air.

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**THE HICKMAN COURIER,**  
SATURDAY, NOV. 9, 1872.

The United States Court commences in Paducah Monday.

A number of Hickmanites are now encamped on Redfoot Lake hunting and fishing.

A convention of the Baptists of West Tennessee convened in Union City yesterday.

All persons indebted to this office for subscription, job work or advertising are earnestly requested to call and settle their accounts.

MERELY to correct an erroneous impression we state that a large majority of the German voters in Hickman voted for Greeley—some few for Grant—and a good per cent. not voting at all.

Hon. A. S. Arnold, member of the Legislature from Hickman county, has taken a contract to grade several miles of the Mississippi Central road near Clinton.

Mr. George Thompson, editor of the Paducah Evening News, and one of the oldest newspaper men in the State, died at this city, Saturday last.

Mr. Fritz Helmner, engineer, has a large force engaged in building a new wharf at this place. He is using fastenings and rock, and when completed it is said it will equal any wharf on the Mississippi river.

MUSICAL.—J. H. Davis has laid upon our table a selected list of the latest and best music, from the well-known publisher J. L. Peters, 499 Broadway, New York. Mr. Davis receives monthly installments of the newest pieces as they are published, sonatas, mazurkas, polkas, schottisches, rondos, galops, etc. Our public can be supplied with almost every variety at J. H. Davis'.

AMONG the generous articles on the last and most costly counters, we have lace and hem stitched handkerchiefs, Jet and Tortoise Shell Necklaces, Pincushions and other articles.

Pocket Books, Caskets, etc., RICE & BRO.

The members of Teutonia Singing Society of Hickman, gave their first grand social ball at City Hall, Monday night, which was a pleasant and highly enjoyable affair. We had pleasure in the organization of this society. Hickman needs clubs of recreation, amusement and improvement. Our German population especially, who have always been used to such resort, will be the more attracted to our place.

1,000 Men and Boys wear our lace and hem stitched handkerchiefs, Jet and Tortoise Shell Necklaces, Pincushions and other articles.

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A CITY LIBRARY.—We are pleased to state that Mr. Frenz has succeeded in obtaining the necessary membership to make our city library project a success, and has already left for New York city to purchase books, etc. In the meantime Frenz Hall is to be refitted, carpeted, and rearranged generally. The library and reading rooms will be opened by the first of January.

Parish may open to you?

Not so you can't?

Explain your views.

Ask not for fruit.

But go to Rice & Bro., for a good suit of Clothing, Hats, Caps, Shoes, etc.

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THE MEMPHIS BANK FAILURE.—The liabilities of the Memphis Savings Bank, which suspended last Saturday, it is now said will exceed \$200,000, but Major Moses J. Wicks, the President, in the spirit of noble self-sacrifice rarely witnessed in any country, has placed his entire private fortune at the disposal of the creditors, which will pay 70 per cent. of the total indebtedness. Those who have known Major Wicks as a native Southerner and as a business man, during the past ten or fifteen years, will not be surprised to hear that he has set so genuine and so splendid an example of commercial honor.

To buy goods at low prices,  
Go without fail to RICE & BRO.

OFFICIAL VOTE OF HICKMAN COUNTY.

FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.  
Greeley and Brown..... 624  
Grant and Wilson..... 87  
O'Connor and Adams..... 16  
Other candidates..... 16

FOR CONGRESS.

Henry H. Houston..... 494  
John Martin, Sr..... 24  
Isaac Traylor..... 10  
C. L. Mathews..... 1

LATEST Novelty.

Gone and gone.

Just arrived.

Ready for inspection.

25 cent. Counter.

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THE MASONIC GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY.—The election Tuesday last was not very marked and unexciting. There was very little drinking, and no fights or disturbances. As we anticipated the indifference and over confidence of Democrats decreased our vote several hundred, while the Republicans made a gain of 17 on their previous largest vote. The colored voters, with three or four exceptions, were solidly for Grant and Houston.

The thorough discipline of the Republicans ought to command itself to thinking Democrats—their leaders know how to fight and on election day contest every inch of ground. Their voters are thoroughly drilled, and stand like a solid wall of black granite. You had as well charge an impregnable fortress as attempt to break their lines.

Hence their organization is growing by such, and we say to our Democratic friends, unless they in future exhibit more interest in public affairs, their party will soon be not insignificant in numbers.

Tony Bernard's Child Care and be convinced of its merit. Why suffer from Fever and Ague, when Bernard's Child Care will cure you.

A CRAFTY EMPEROR.—The County Reform Bill, recently passed by the popular branch of the Prussian Diet, meets with determined opposition among the nobles of the upper house. But the Emperor William has just taken the side of the people and pro-gress, and insists that the Lords shall pass the bill and so relieve legislation from the dead-lock into which, by reason of their anticipated aristocratic prejudices, it has fallen.

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